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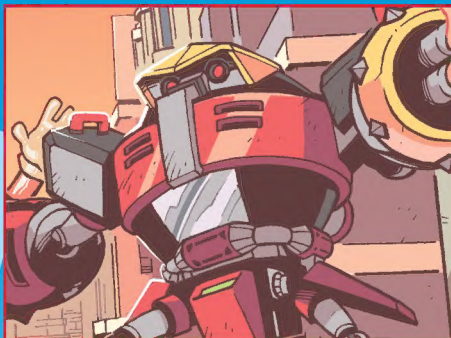
Dr. Eggman has returned with one of his most sinister plots yet: the Metal Virus! The Metal Virus infects living organic matter and turns it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to Eggman's command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—are infected. As Sonic and his friends attempt to save Sunset City, another falls victim... can Sonic survive Shadow the Zombot?!

# ROLL CALL



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest thing alive.



**E-123 OMEGA**

Rogue Super Badnik.  
Robot hunter.



**ROGUE THE BAT**

Treasure-hunting Spy.  
Restoration ally.



**SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG**

The Ultimate Lifeform.  
Newly infected Zombot.



SUNSET CITY.

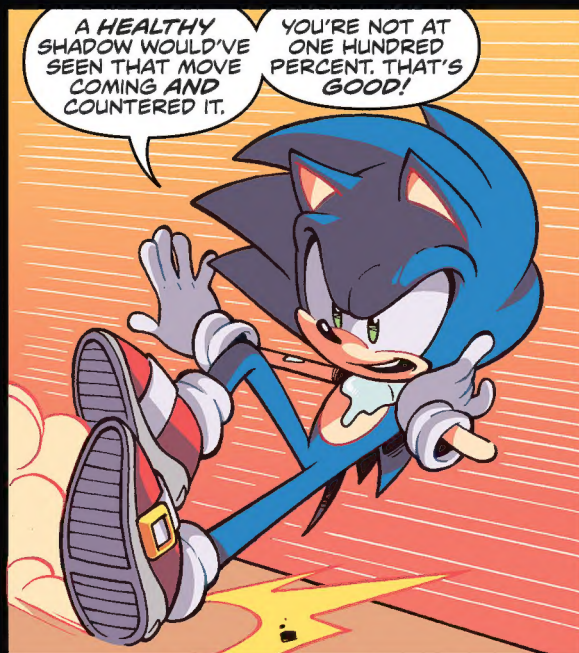
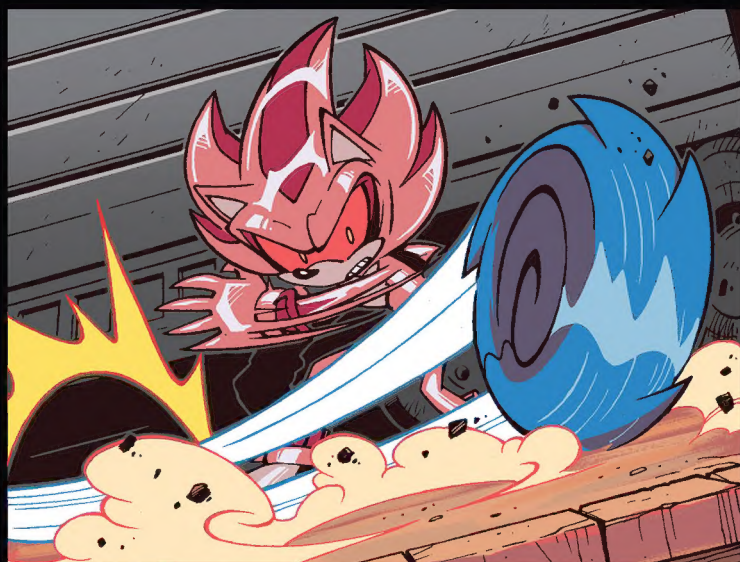
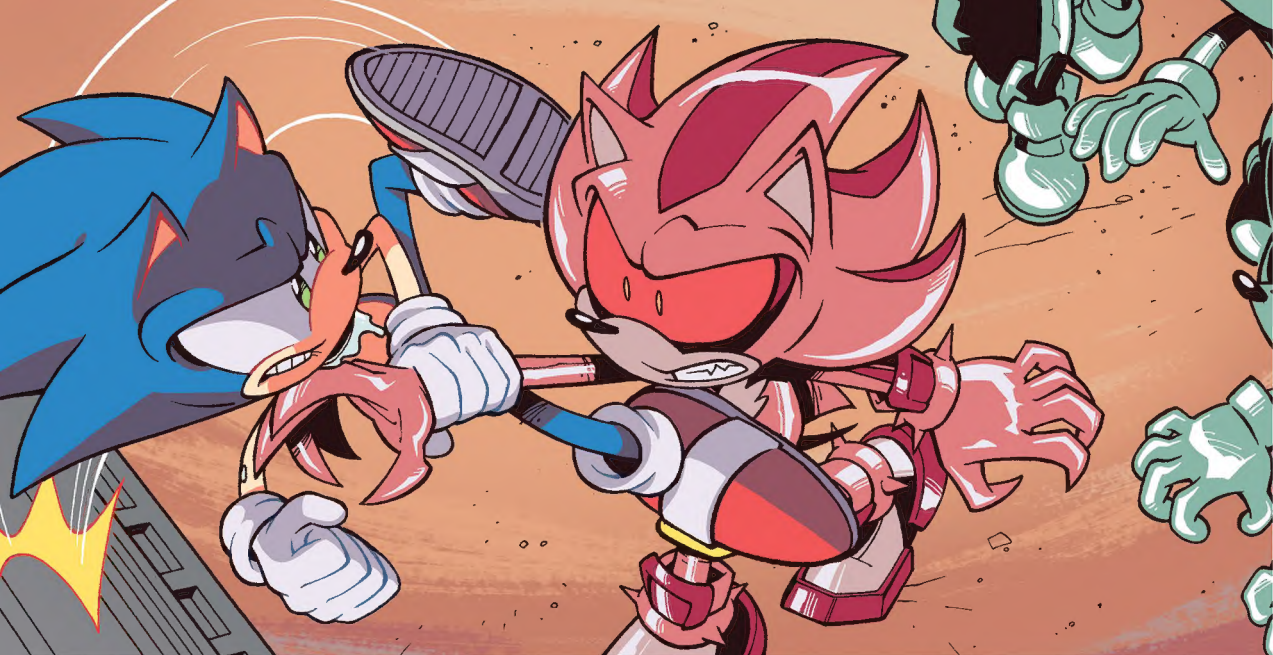
THOUGHT  
YOU COULD TAKE  
ON THE ZOMBOTS  
WITH RAW POWER  
ALONE, DIDN'T  
YOU, SHADOW?

NOW  
YOU'RE FULLY  
CONVERTED,  
WHILE I CAN RUN  
OFF MY INFECTION.  
I CAN'T WAIT TO  
SAY I TOLD  
YOU SO.

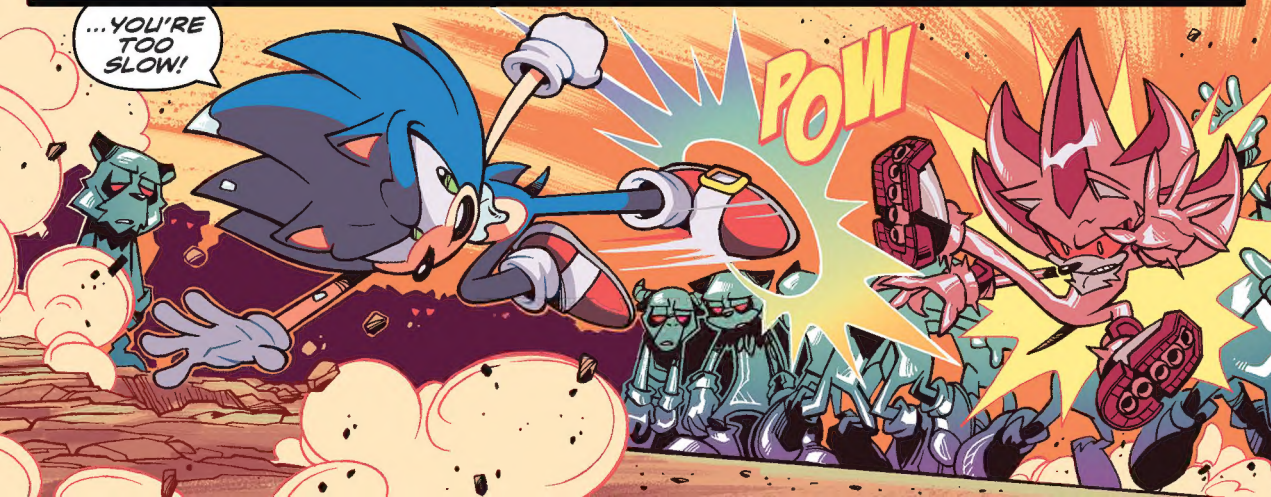
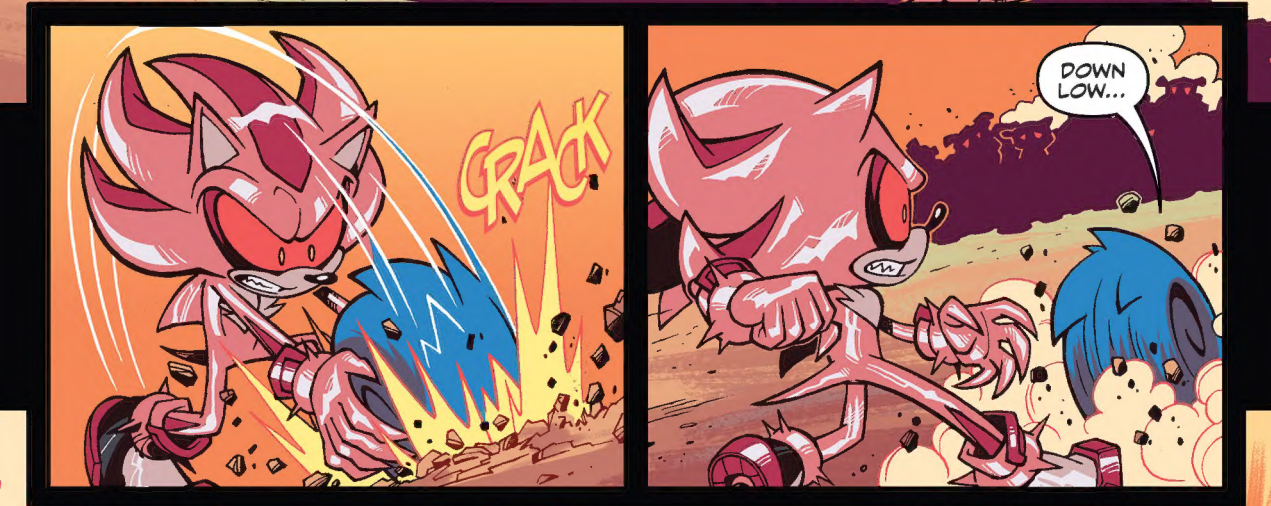
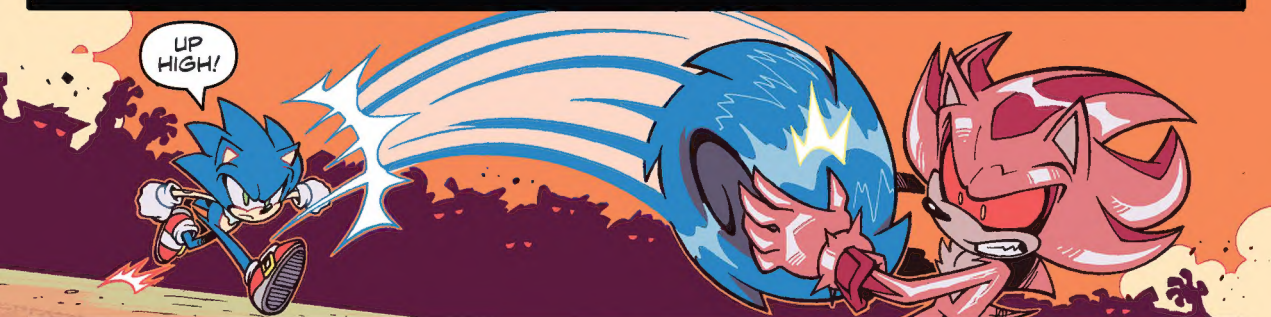
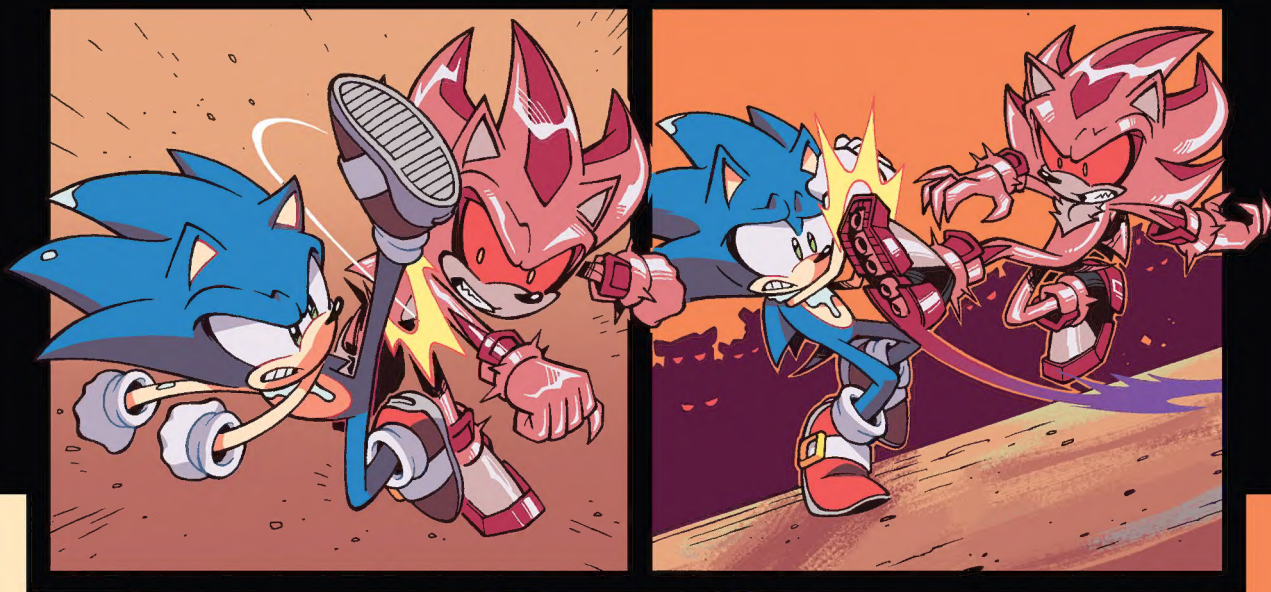
IF YOU  
DON'T ~~GRK~~  
CRUSH MY  
WINDPIPE  
FIRST...



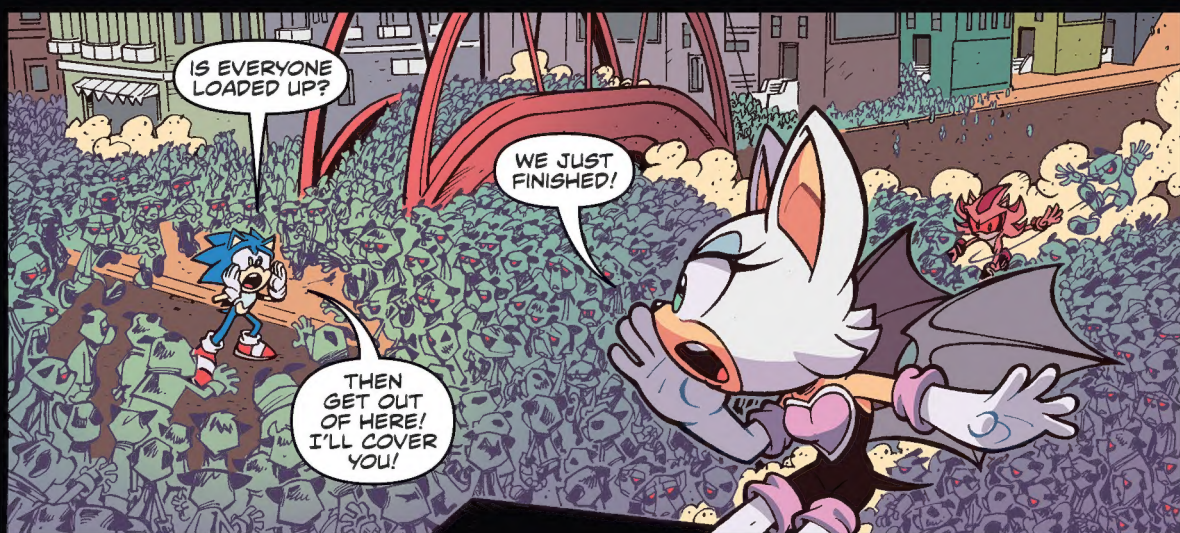




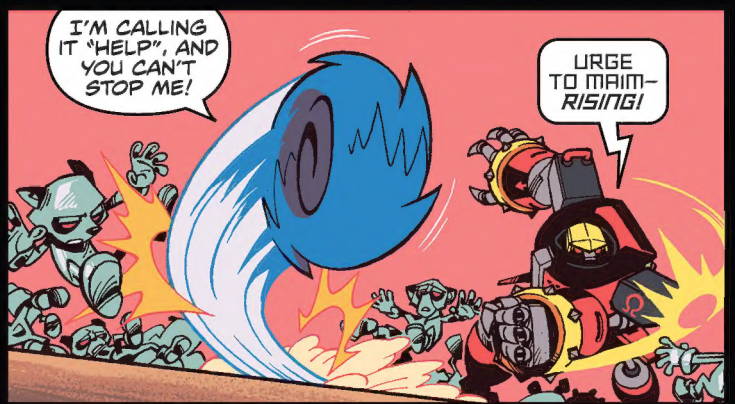
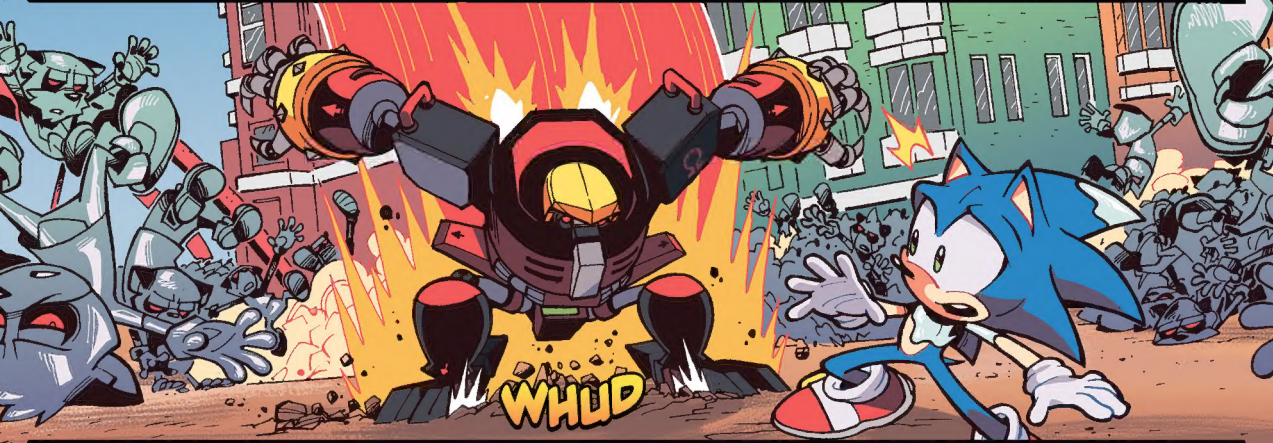
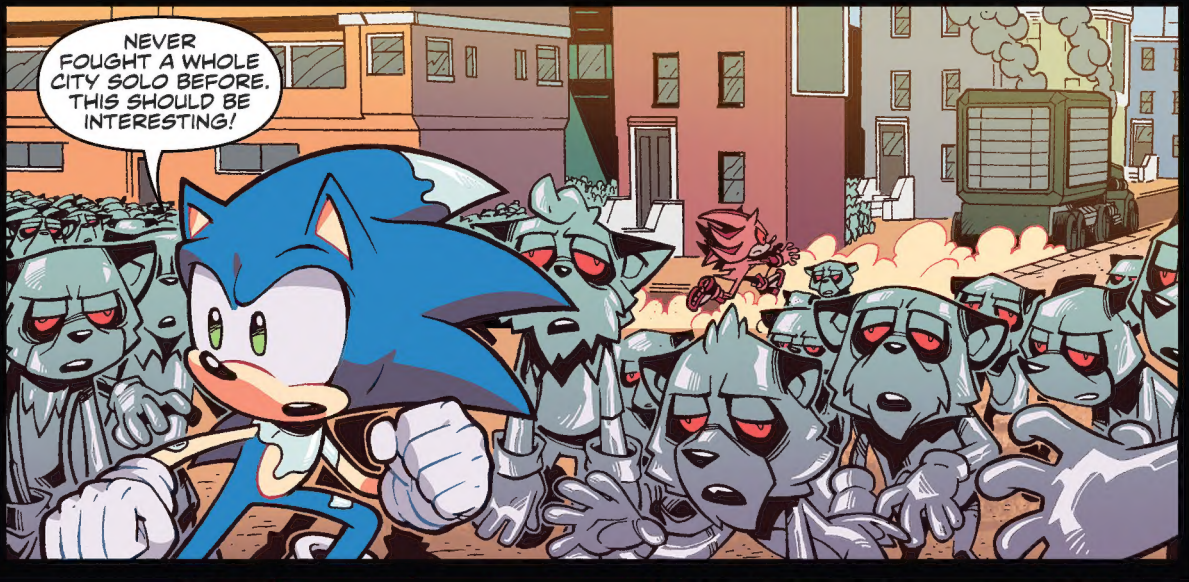




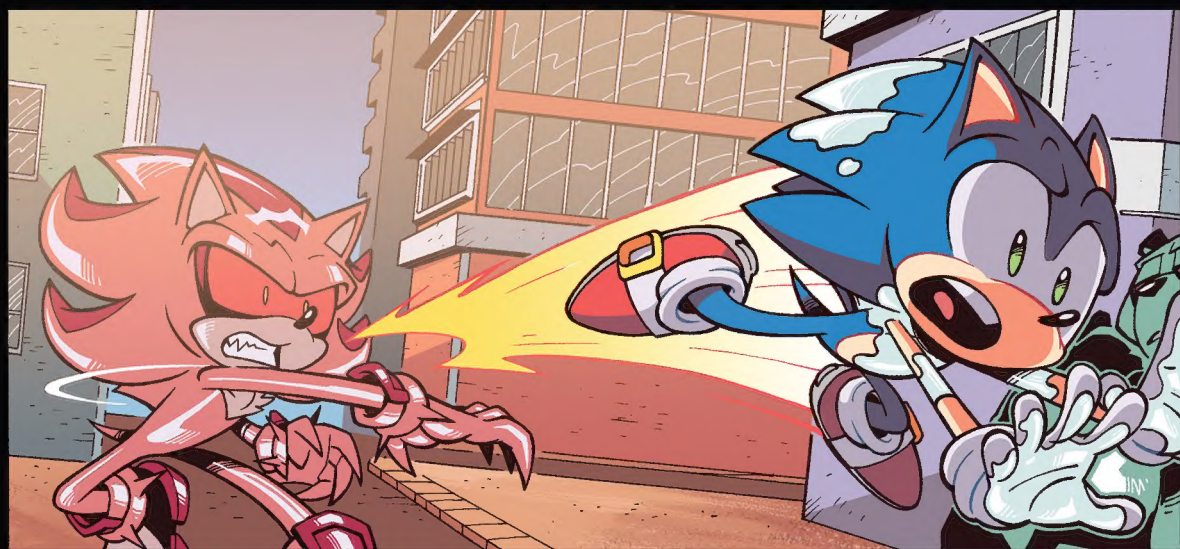














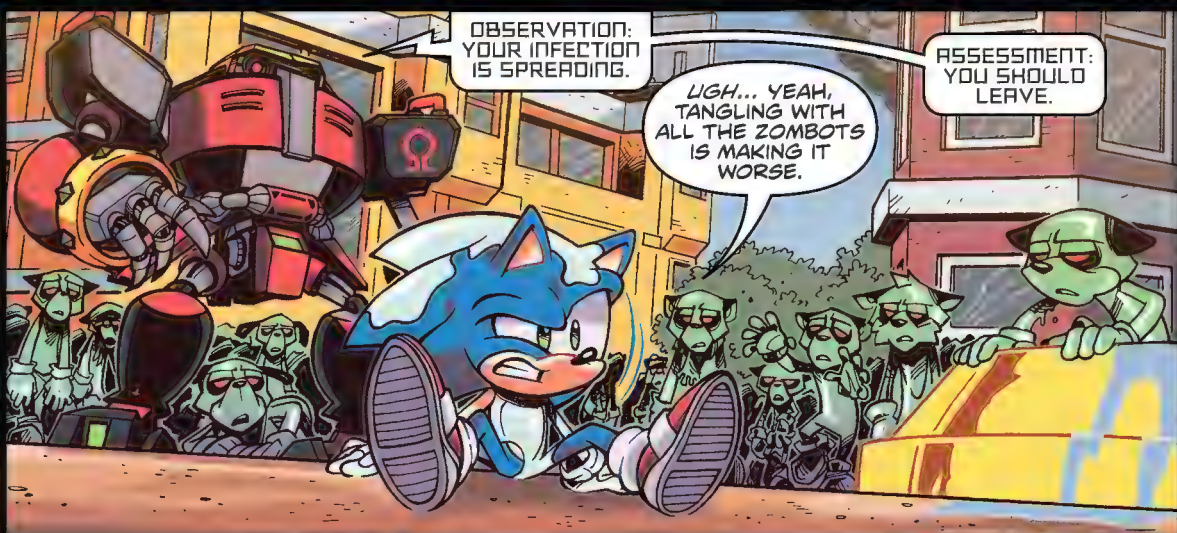


THUD THUMP

OBSERVATION:  
YOUR INFECTION  
IS SPREADING.

LIGH... YEAH,  
TANGLING WITH  
ALL THE ZOMBOTS  
IS MAKING IT  
WORSE.

ASSESSMENT:  
YOU SHOULD  
LEAVE.

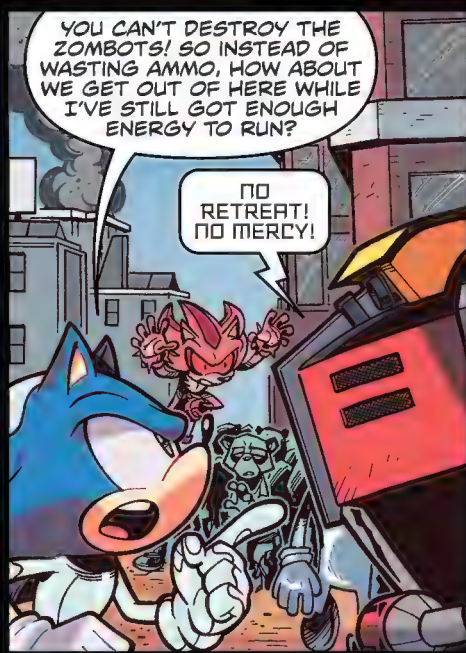


I THINK THE TRUCK ISN'T FAR  
ENOUGH AWAY, AND I'M NOT  
LEAVING ANOTHER FRIEND  
BEHIND WHILE I GO ON A  
TREATMENT-RUN.

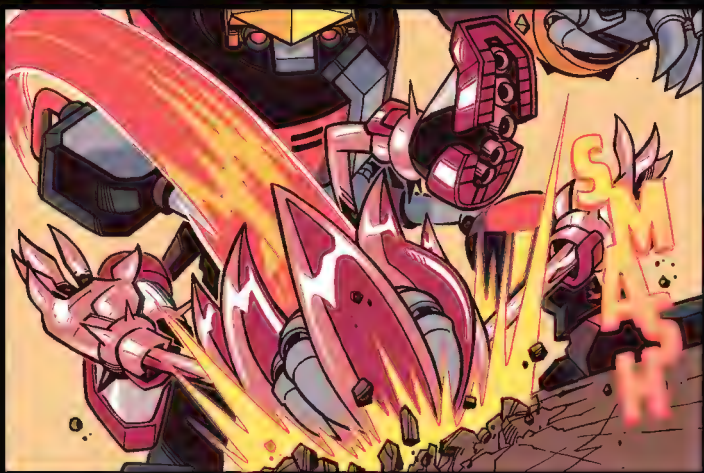
WE ARE  
NOT FRIENDS.  
YOU ARE IN THE  
WAY OF MY  
MASSACRE.

YOU CAN'T DESTROY THE  
ZOMBOTS! SO INSTEAD OF  
WASTING AMMO, HOW ABOUT  
WE GET OUT OF HERE WHILE  
I'VE STILL GOT ENOUGH  
ENERGY TO RUN?

NO  
RETREAT!  
NO MERCY!







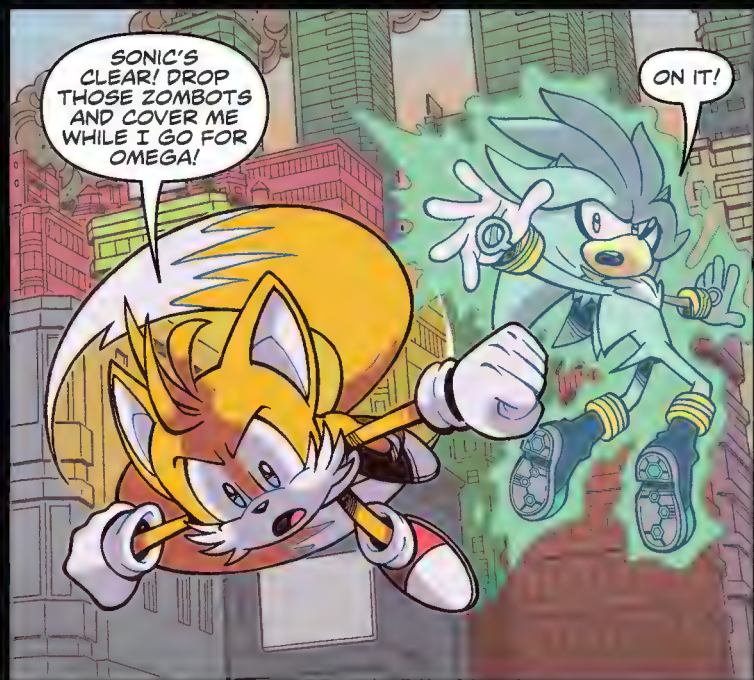
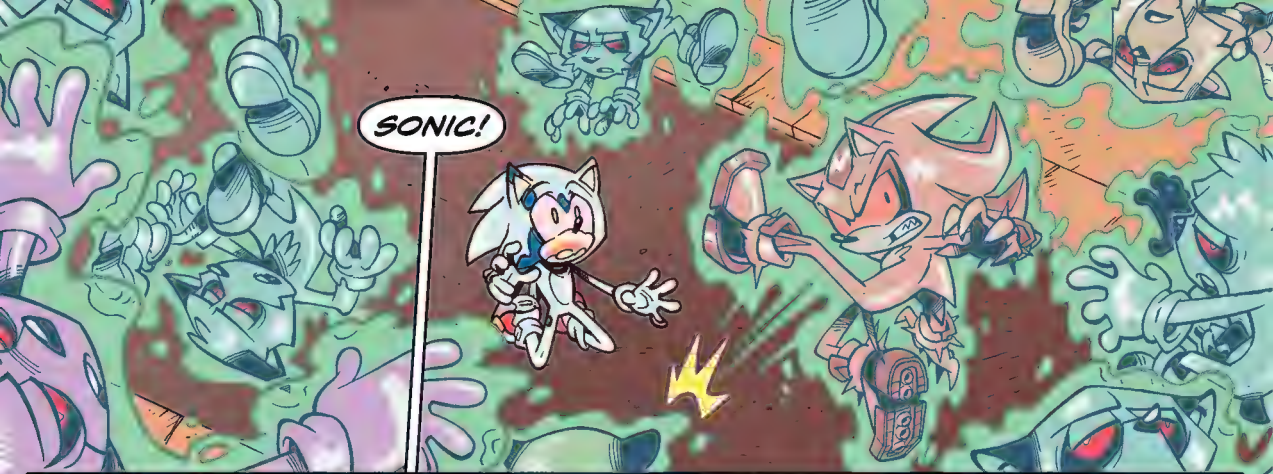
NEGATIVE.  
HE IS ANOTHER  
EGGMAN ROBOT.  
HE WILL BE  
DESTROYED.



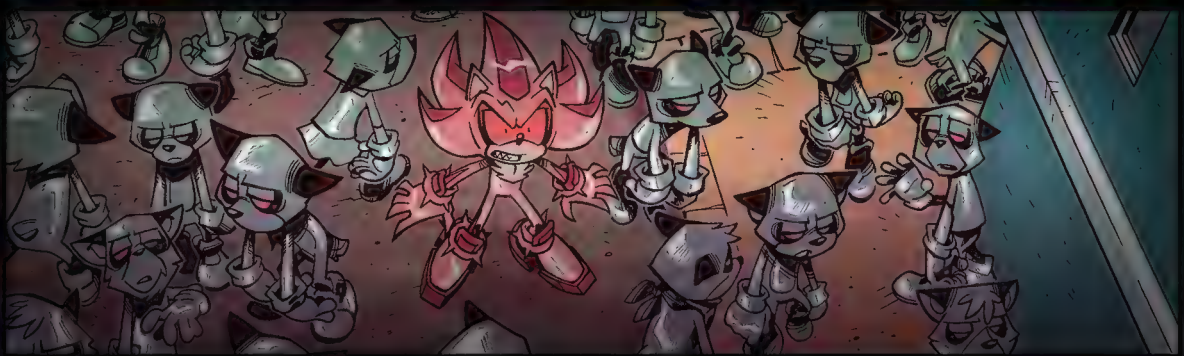
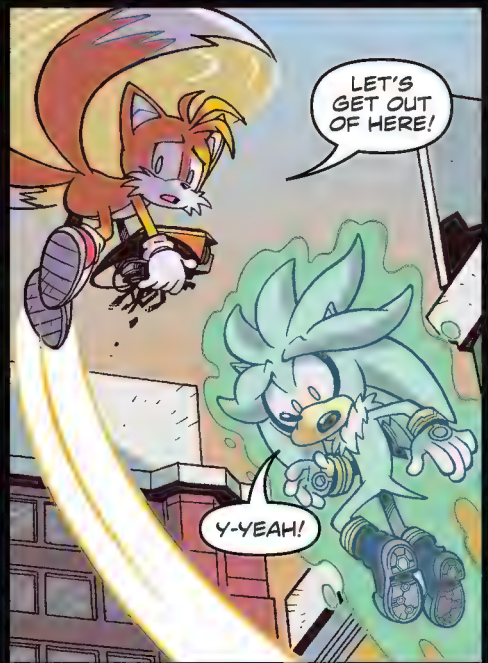
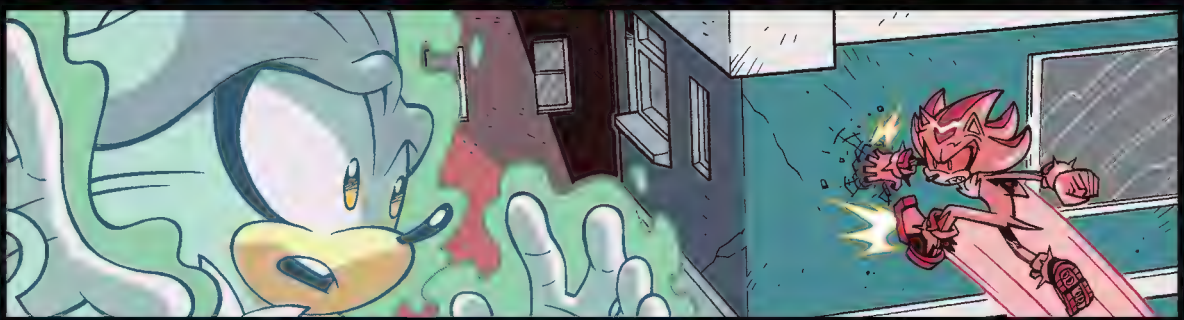




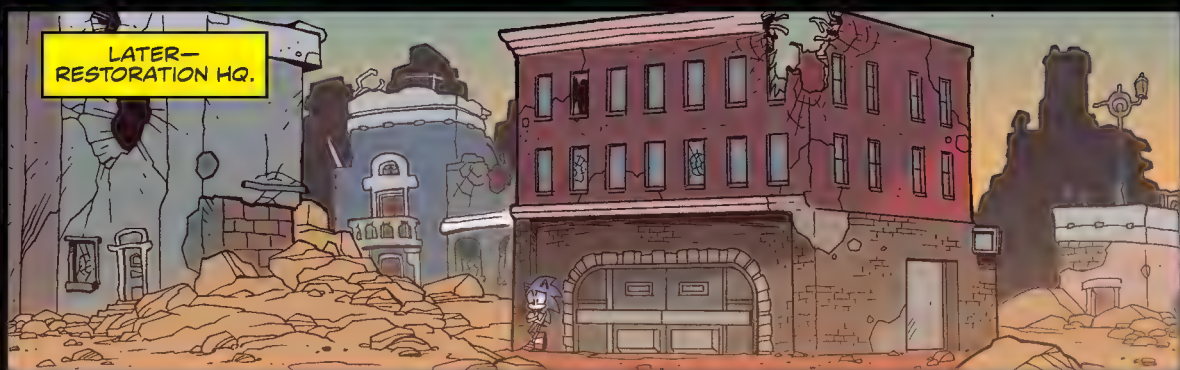












LATER—  
RESTORATION HQ.



SIIIIIGH



MR. SONIC?  
WE HAVE A  
SAFE WAY IN  
READY FOR  
YOU.

THANKS,  
CREAM.  
SORRY FOR  
BEING A  
PAIN.

OH, NO!  
YOU'RE  
NOT A  
PAIN!



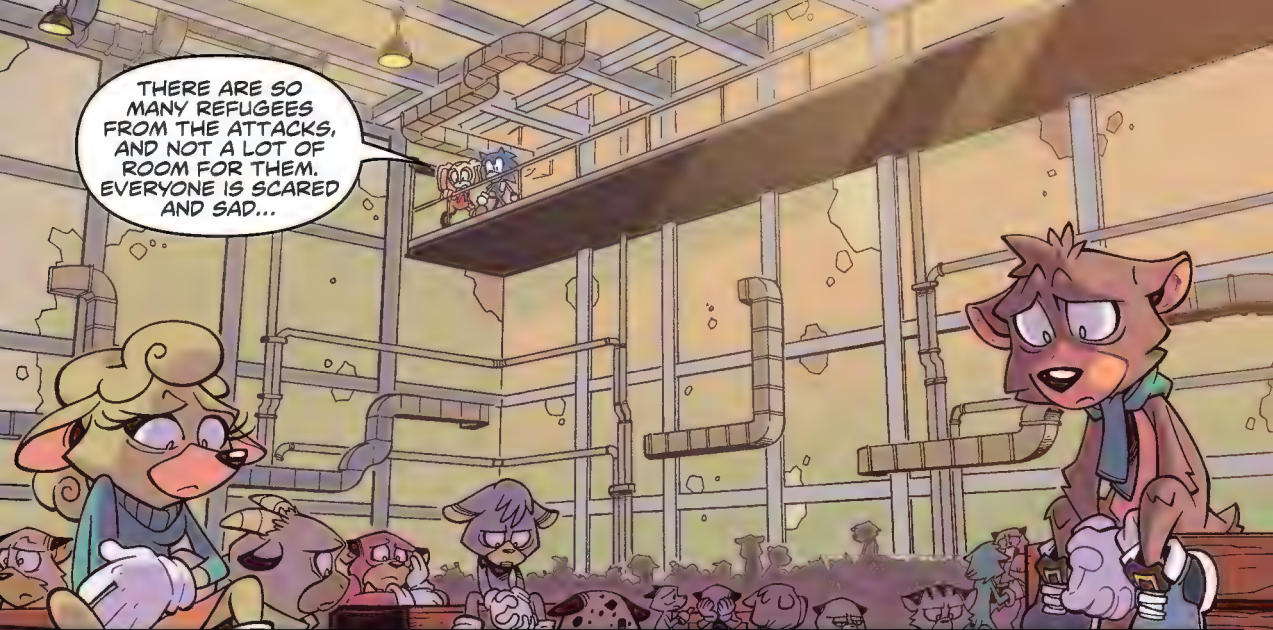
ISN'T IT  
PAST YOUR  
BEDTIME?

YES,  
BUT MOTHER  
LET ME STAY UP  
SO I COULD  
HELP.



AND I'VE  
BEEN HAVING  
LOTS OF BAD  
DREAMS  
LATELY.





THERE ARE SO MANY REFUGEES FROM THE ATTACKS, AND NOT A LOT OF ROOM FOR THEM. EVERYONE IS SCARED AND SAD...



...SO I'VE BEEN BRINGING THEM SNACKS AND SWEETS! I'M TRYING MY HARDEST TO BE HAPPY, SO THEY CAN BE A LITTLE HAPPY, TOO!

YOU'RE THE BRAVEST HERO HERE, CREAM. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

I WILL!



MISS ROSE'S OFFICE IS RIGHT THROUGH HERE.

THANKS.

HEY, GEMERL! LOOKS LIKE TAILS FIXED YOU UP.

CORRECT.



ENTRY DENIED.

DON'T START WITH ME, G. I'VE HAD A VERY LONG DAY.

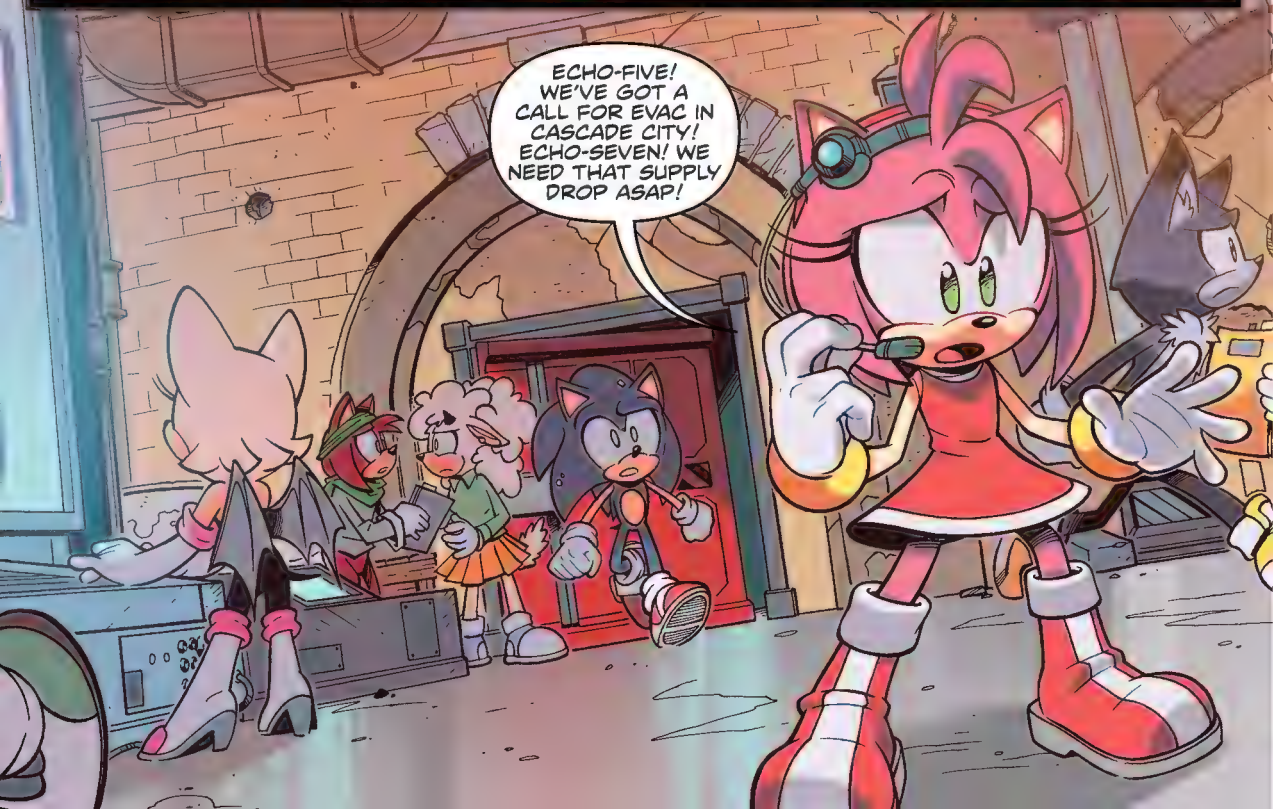
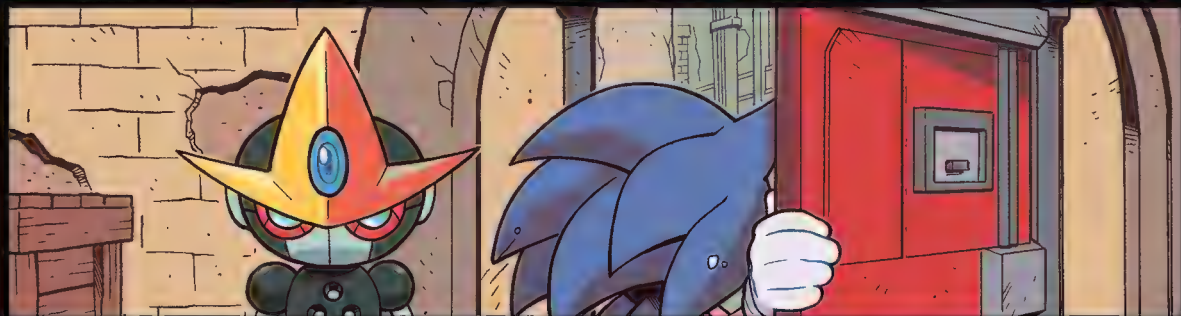


GEMERL! BE NICE!

SONIC IS INFECTED. HE IS A BIOHAZARD TO THE RESTORATION'S ADMINISTRATOR.

MISS ROSE ASKED TO SPEAK WITH HIM! YOU HAVE TO LET HIM IN!







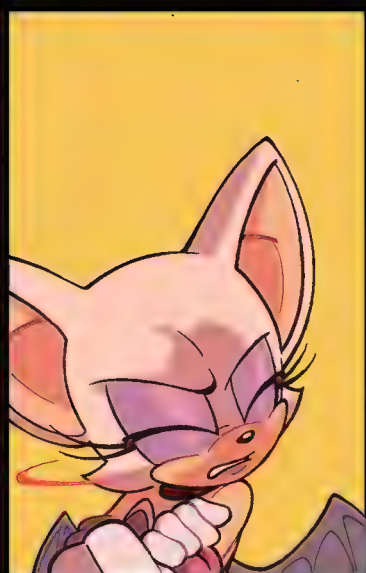


YO, ROUGE.  
PLAYING  
SECRETARY?

PLANNING  
MY NEXT  
MOVE.

SHADOW?

HE'S...  
GONE. I'M  
SORRY.



THE IDIOT  
SHOULD'VE  
RUN WHEN I  
TOLD HIM TO.



HEY AMY.  
YOU WANTED  
TO SEE ME?

**SONIC!**  
YES! I JUST  
WANTED TO MAKE  
SURE YOU WERE  
OKAY!



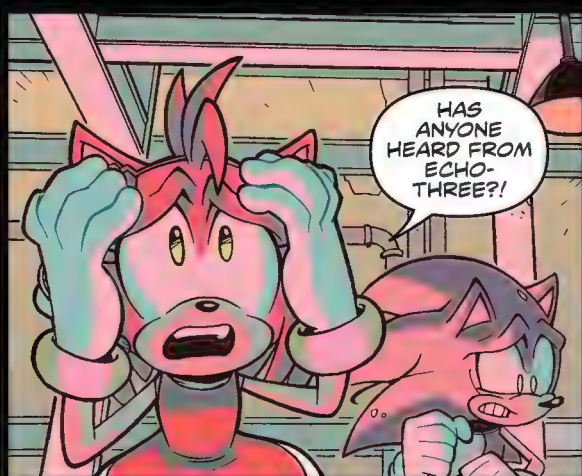
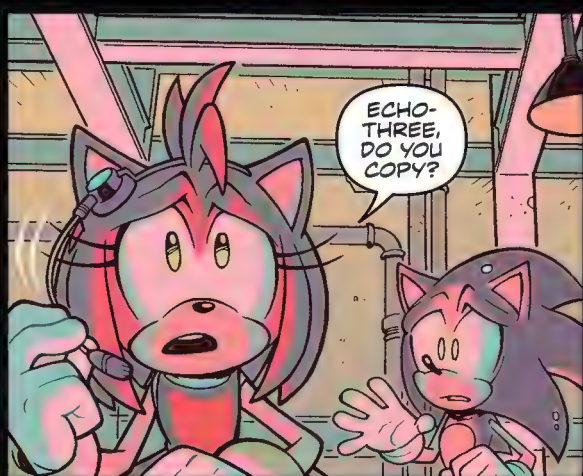
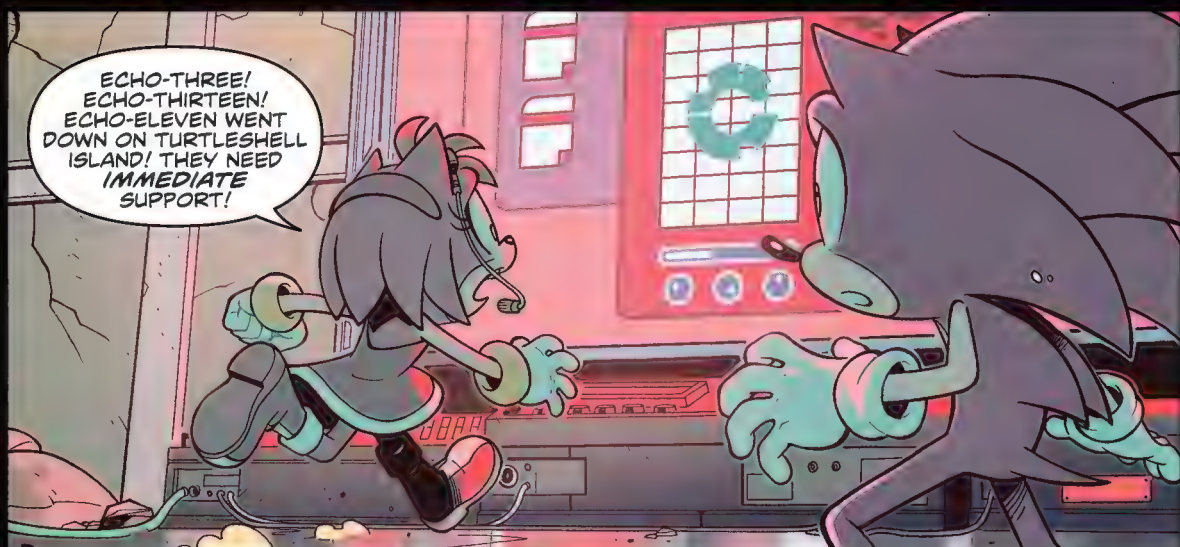
I'M STILL  
STANDING. I'D  
LIKE A NICE,  
THREE WEEK NAP.  
HOW ARE YOU?

I'M NOT  
SURE HOW  
MUCH LONGER  
I CAN—

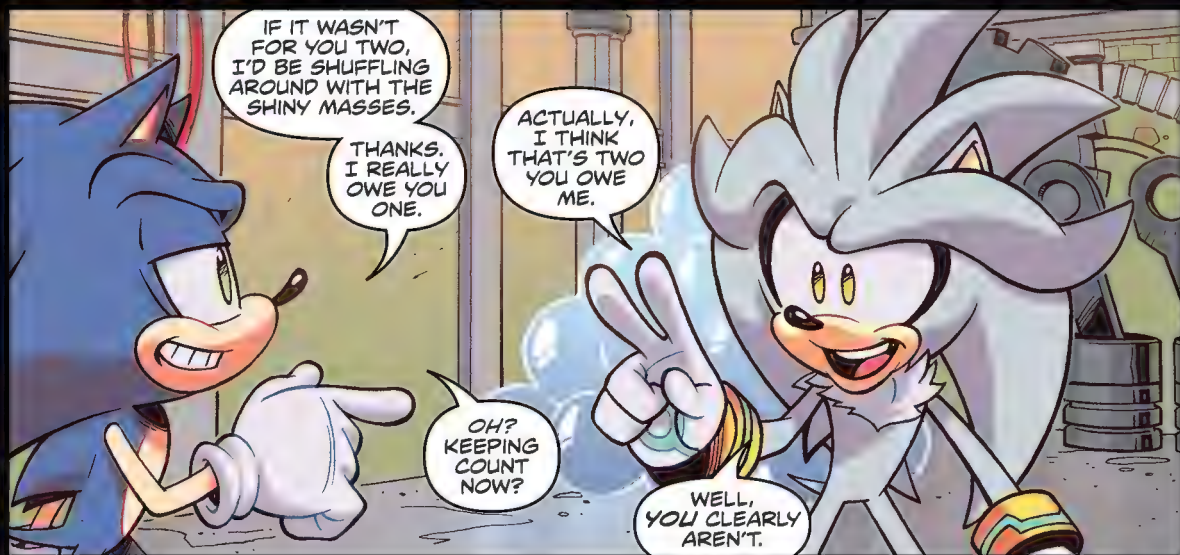
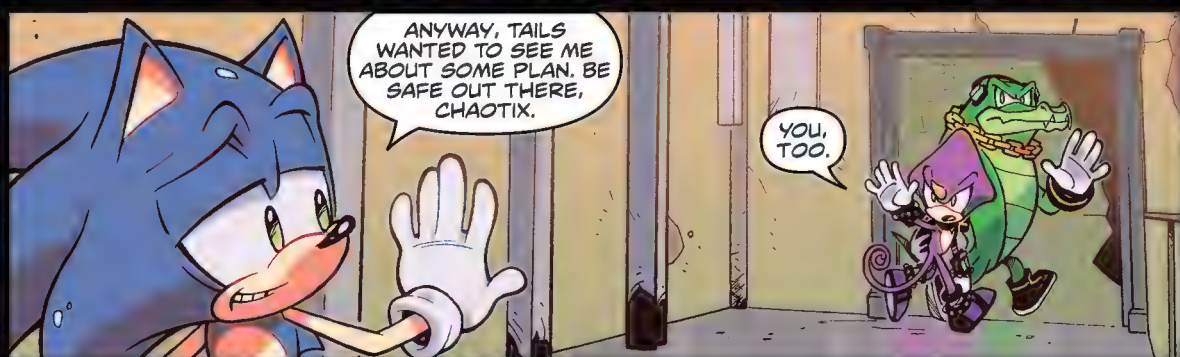


SAY AGAIN,  
ECHO-ELEVEN?  
WHAT?! W-WELL...  
TRY TO KEEP A  
LOW PROFILE!

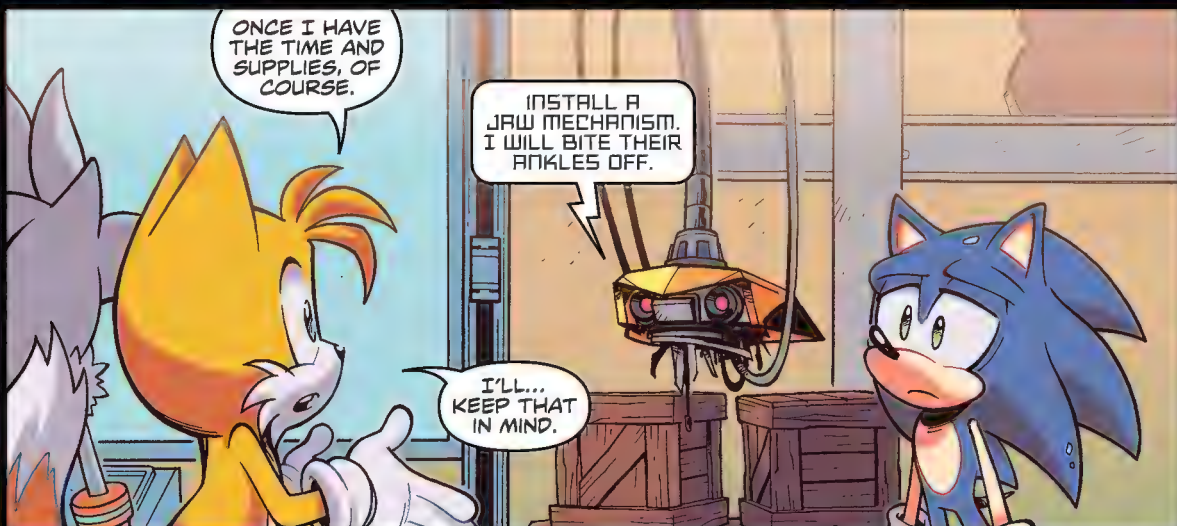
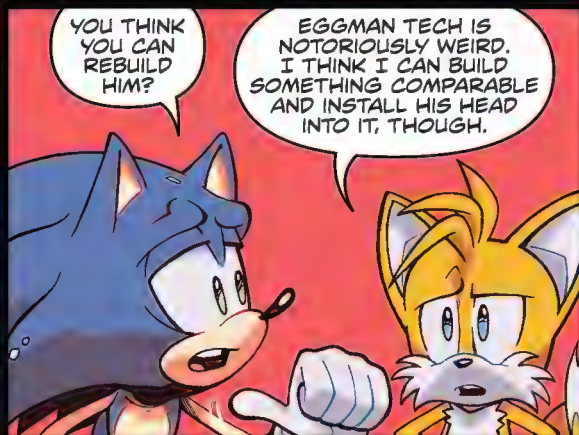
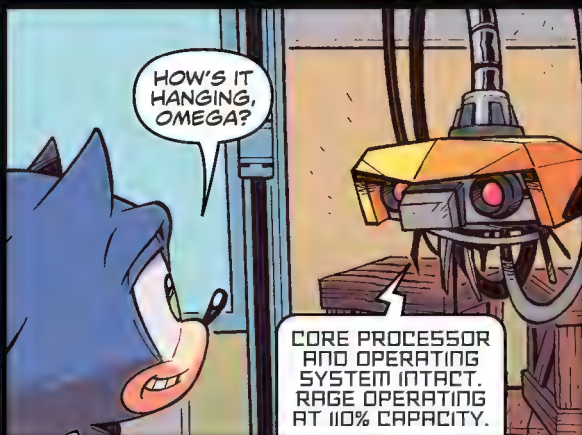
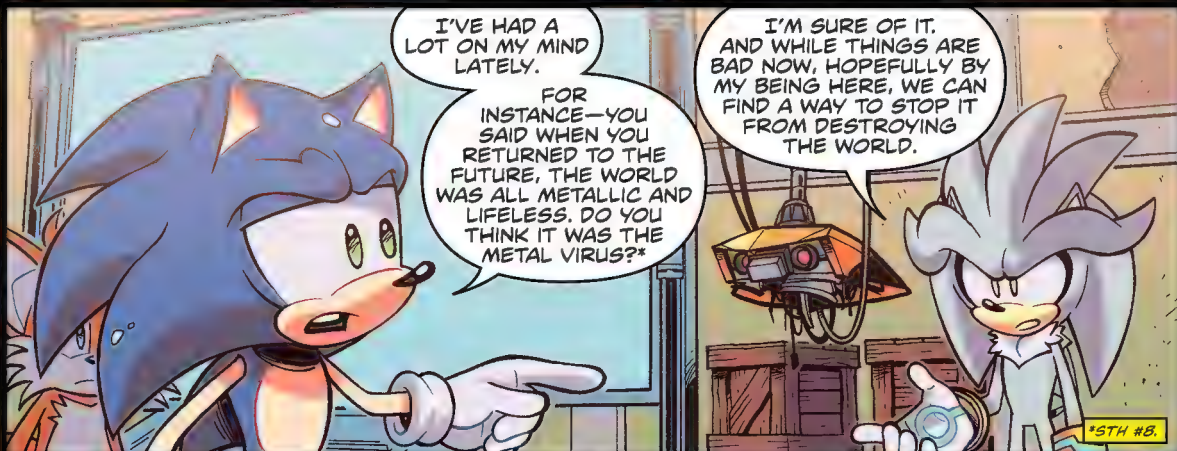




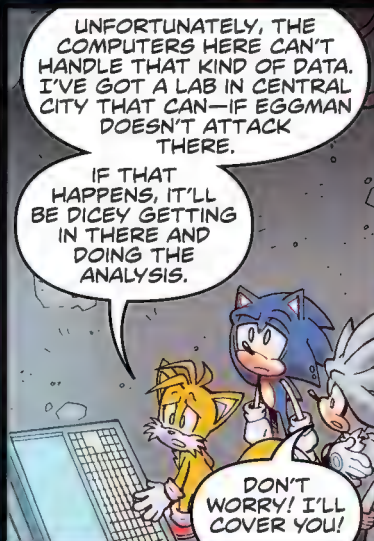
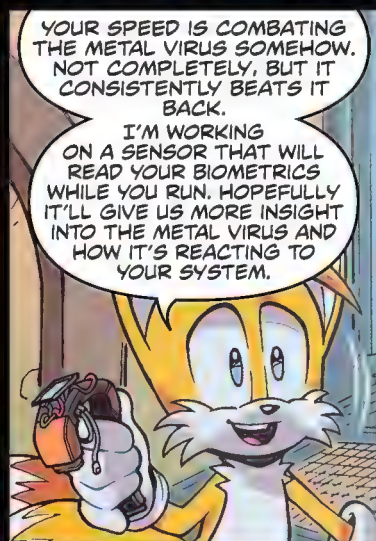




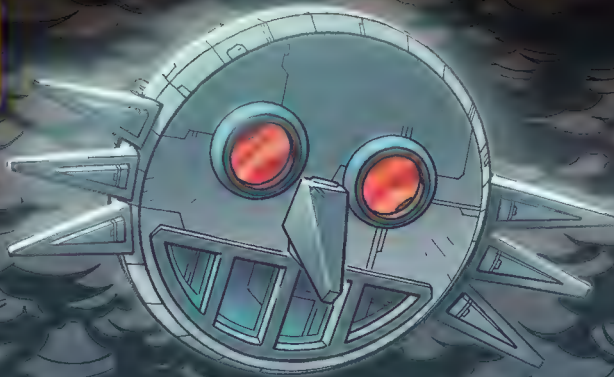




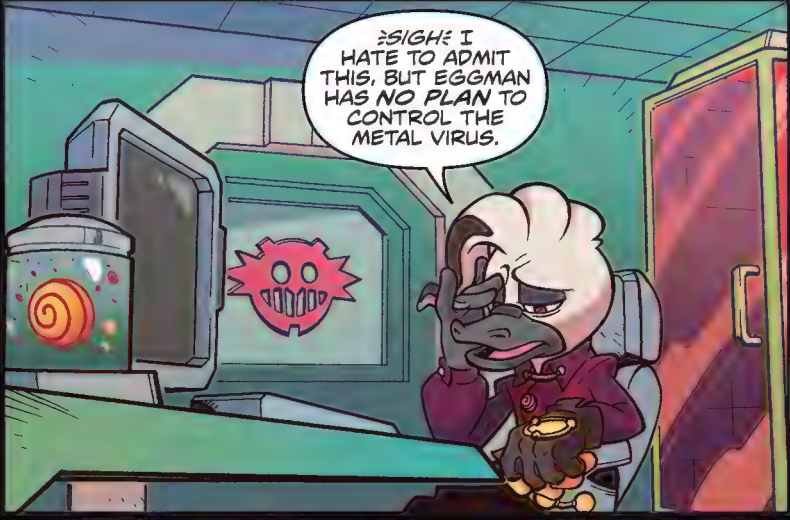




MEANWHILE—ON EGGMAN'S FLYING FORTRESS, THE FACESHIP...







"SIGH! I HATE TO ADMIT THIS, BUT EGGMAN HAS NO PLAN TO CONTROL THE METAL VIRUS."



"WE'RE SCHEDULED TO TEST OVERRIDE SIGNALS TOMORROW, BUT..."

"EGGMAN HAS OVERLOOKED OR FORGOTTEN SO MANY OF HIS ASSETS. PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING HE'S USED IN THE PAST THAT CAN HELP?"




"WHAT'S THIS? 'THE LOST WORLD PROJECT'?"

"I FOUND THE HIDDEN PLANETOID OF LOST HEX AND MADE IT THE BASE OF MY LATEST SCHEME."

"USING AN ANCIENT RELIC, I TOOK CONTROL OF LOST HEX'S NATIVES—THE ZETI—AND MADE THEM MY ENFORCERS."

"THEN THAT MEDDLESOME SONIC ARRIVED TO RUIN EVERYTHING. HE STUPIDLY LIBERATED MY DEADLY SIX AND THEY..."

"...TOOK TOTAL CONTROL OF MY ROBOTS WITH THEIR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC POWERS."



"A RACE OF BEINGS THAT CAN WILL ROBOTS INTO OBEDIENCE?"

"YES... YES! WHY FIND A WAY TO CONTROL MILLIONS WHEN WE CAN SHEPHERD THEM ALL WITH JUST SIX..."

**NEXT TIME:**  
**A TRIO OF TALES AS EVERYTHING COMES DOWN TO 'THE LAST MINUTE'!**





# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Geez! Our heroes are really in rough shape, huh? Friends being infected, Sonic almost fully giving in to the Metal Virus, Omega being torn apart! Any one of those would be a lot for one adventure, but with everything else going on, looks like everyone's going to have to try even harder to save the world! Well, at least with a little help, Sonic escaped "Crisis City, Part 2" by Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Shawn Lee, and Bracardi Curry! Now let's get to your awesome submissions!

Hi, I am Delina, I am 14, and I am deaf. I use a cochlear implant that helps me hear. I am my own superhero and my cochlear implants give me the power to hear, just like Sonic has the power of speed. I've been a Sonic fan since I was six years old, but I fell in love with Sonic all over again two years ago. I play Sonic Boom non-stop every single day. I have also been collecting comic books since I was 12. I have every issue. I read them every day. I have even read some issues more than once. I am a super Sonic fan. After I finished the Sonic Forces game, I got an idea. I wanted to draw a picture that would show what things would be like after the war. I imagined myself in the game and created a character with cochlear implants; On day one, I drew a flower that shows BRAVERY, day five is the flower growing, which means to BELIEVE in yourself; and day 10 is about FRIENDSHIP, my character makes friends with Sonic. When I grow up, I want to be an animator. Maybe I could work for SEGA and help draw comics or make video games. I hope you like the work I did and I look forward to hearing from you.

Keep up the awesome work!

Hi Delina,

Wow! You really are a super Sonic fan (but are you Super Sonic fan?)! You have an awesome superpower and great art skills. That little comic is awesome, and I think works really well with our stories! A flower like that would fit in great with Silver's garden! Keep working on little stories like that which get to the heart of what Sonic's about—bravery, believing in yourself, and friendship—and you'll be on track to get any job you want!



Art by Zachary Looman

I'm Zach, I'm 13 and have loved Sonic for quite some time now, so can I just say that, man, this comic is good! I love it! The writing is great, the art is great, everything is great! I've been drawing a lot of Sonic recently so I thought I'd include one of my pieces. Sonic looks a little different, but I think it's fine. I have one question though: is there a way to subscribe to just the Sonic comic alone, and if there is, can you tell me how? Thanks! Love the new series!

Zachary Looman

Hi Zach,

Glad you're enjoying the comic! And, yeah, your Sonic does look a little different, but that's a really cool design! My only note: Sonic doesn't wear pants—at least not in this comic. A lot of people have asked if there's a way to subscribe to Sonic and there is, so let me walk you through it!

1. You can subscribe digitally via the IDW Comics app or Comixology!
2. You can subscribe physically at your local comic shop by asking them to add Sonic to your pull list!

Unfortunately, IDW doesn't offer a direct physical comic subscription, but we try to make it easy to use one of the other two methods and always get your books!

Hello,

My name is Sonny, I love your comics. I am seven years old, and I love Sonic the Hedgehog the most. I have been a Sonic fan for a long time, and your comics have inspired me to write my own. It's my very favorite thing to do. Thanks for the great stories and the inspiration! Keep it up!

Sonny

Hi Sonny,

That's great! I'm glad our stories have inspired you to make your own! Y'know, making up your own Sonic stories and doing your own Sonic art just for fun is how most of the team making the comics now first got into Sonic! People like writer Ian Flynn and artists like Evan



Art by Delina Mengesha





Art by Sonny

Stanley and Nathalie Fourdraine got their start making Sonic fan art and fan comics. Now, they really write and draw Sonic's adventures! Keep up your own good work!

Hey, Sonic comic team!

I've been loving the story. Flynn is a great writer, and the art is amazing. I particularly liked the expressions by Lawrence in #15.

I'm wondering, will we see anything like the Off-Panel in this series? Will there be a continual side-series like Sonic Universe, or just mini-series like Tangle and Whisper in #15.

Thank you for your time. Keep up the good work!

Olivia P.

Hi Olivia,

Glad you're enjoying the series! Yeah, that Jack Lawrence certainly is something! Just to brag about Jack for a second, he told us that he drew almost 600 zombots in issue #19! He and Bracardi really did an amazing job with those crowd scenes! As per other series and stories and books, that all really depends. We really love funny short stories (Caleb Goellner's comic about writing Team Sonic Racing in the Deluxe Turbo Championship Edition is super great)! We really love doing a mini-series for Tangle & Whisper. We really love the 2019 Annual. We're definitely planning on doing more with Sonic, because you the fans have given us such a good response to what we're doing, but until you hear otherwise, we'll play it by ear to see what stories we can best tell in different formats. No plans in place for a regular feature, but if that makes sense going forward sometime, we'll consider it!

And with that, I think we're good for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue, we're kicking off something even crazier than Crisis City: join us for "The Last Minute, Part 1", the first of three issues set simultaneously! And don't forget to pick up Sonic: Tangle & Whisper #2, also on sale this month!



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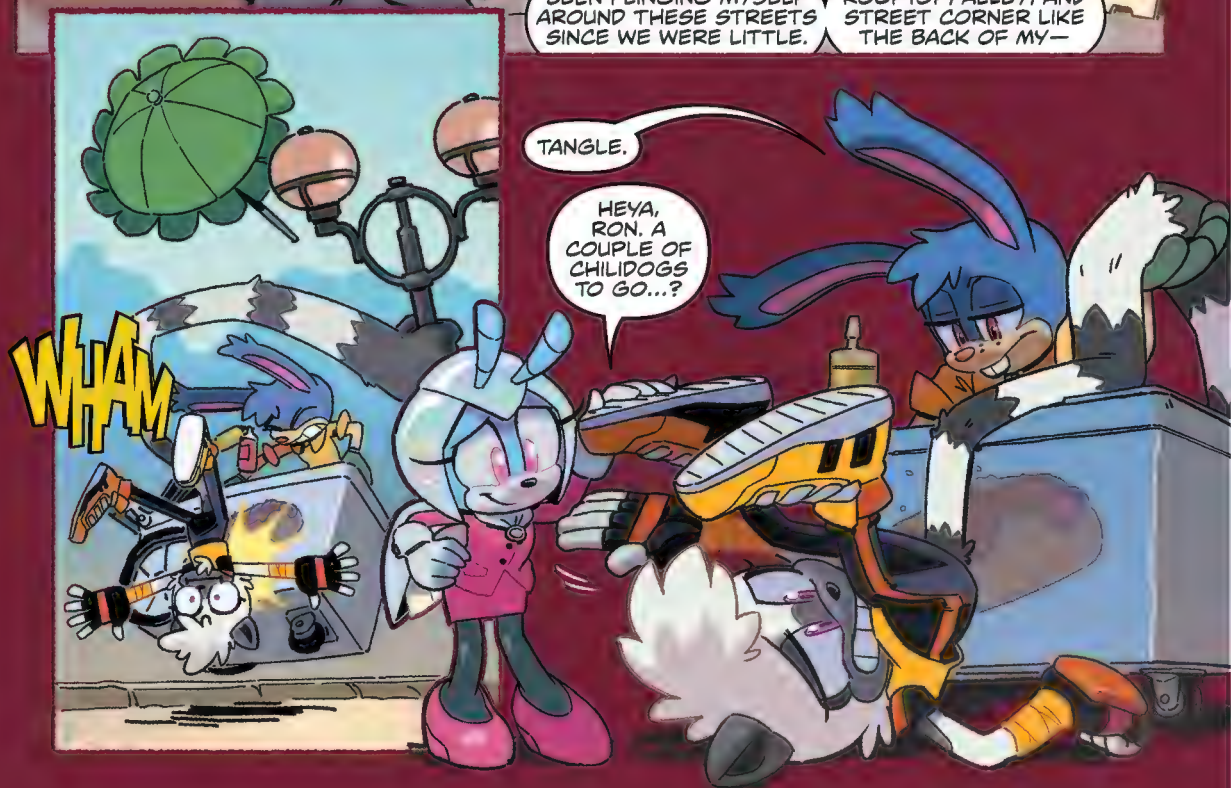
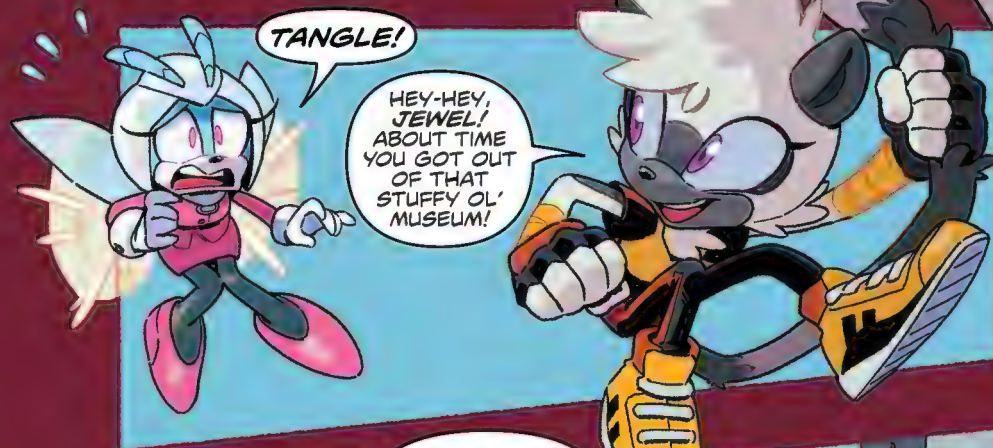
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C'MON  
EVERYONE!  
IT'S A  
GORGEOUS  
DAY!

RACE YA  
AROUND THE  
VILLAGE!  
ANYONE!  
EVERYONE!









LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.

HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE, AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?

TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA  
OW HA  
HA

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...

...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!













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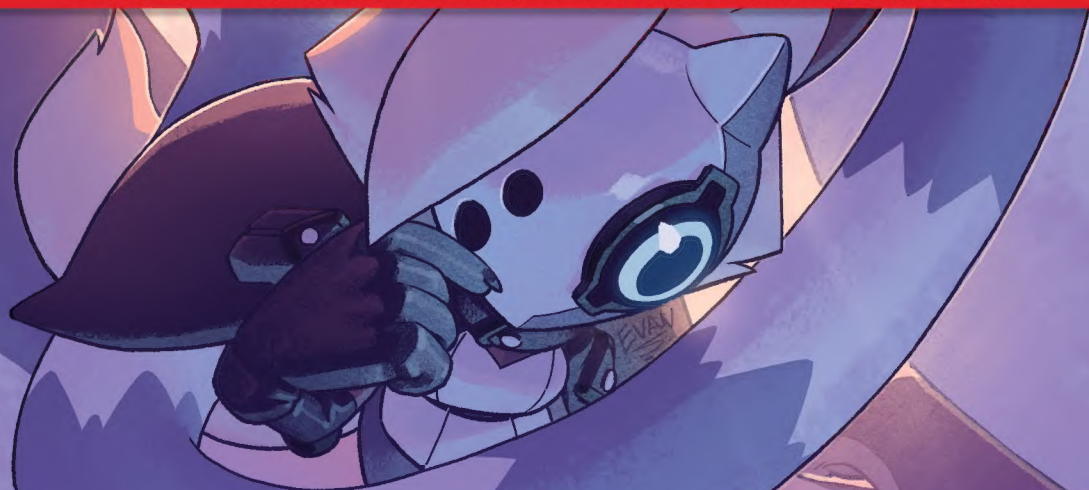
## THE HEDGEHOG

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